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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 19 March 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg.), Col. White,  
Gen. Truscott, Messrs Helms, Sheldon (part of mtg.),  
Kirkpatrick, Bissell, Dr. Kent, Mr. Karamessines, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted a cable from [REDACTED] in which it was reported that as a result of the Far Eastern Ambassadors' Conference there was indicated a widespread requirement for factual material for use in demonstrating to foreign governments, particularly those of underdeveloped countries, hazards involved in accepting aid from, or entering into trade agreements with, the Communist Bloc and directed that we organize to meet this requirement. It was noted that [REDACTED] was originally established to meet such a requirement in connection with our liaison activities with foreign governments. The Director said it was his opinion that the support suggested [REDACTED] is much broader and should encompass both sides of the house. ACTION: DD/P

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Mr. Helms:

Noted a cable from [REDACTED] recommending that consideration be given to keeping selected U. S. Ambassadors advised on [REDACTED] in order to prevent embarrassment in discussions held with representatives of their host governments. Mr. Helms commented that in a great many respects he felt this should be the responsibility of the Department of State. The Director undertook to discuss this matter with either the Secretary of State or Mr. Herter.

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Col. White:

Noted that our representatives had again met with the Bureau of the Budget on funds for CIA participation in [REDACTED] and stated it had been determined by Budget [REDACTED] does have sufficient funds for the remainder of this year [REDACTED] on an ad hoc basis. Col. White said it would therefore not be necessary to go to the Reserve for additional funds. He also stated it appears [REDACTED] will budget for this activity next year. The Director made clear his desire that the Agency participate in the Program and received assurance from Col. White that we would not be frozen out because we have not contributed funds as originally requested.

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